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EXAMINING GROUP 3738**

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In re Application of:)
Todd J. MORTIER et al.) Group Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: 09/981,790) Examiner: David Willse
Filed: October 19, 2001)
For: VALVE TO MYOCARDIUM)
TENSION MEMBERS DEVICE)
AND METHOD)

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed July 29, 2003, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.

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